

Police chief asserts Hefetz fed newsmen with half-truths

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Suspended police officer Nitzav Mishne Agal Hefetz was charged in police disciplinary court yesterday, with leaking sensitive information to reporters. In the High Court of Justice, at the same time, Inspector-General Arye Ivztan defended his decision to suspend Hefetz by including in his statement some of the transcripts of conversations that Hefetz had had with journalists.

In those transcripts, Hefetz described the Jerusalem police as "a bunch of idiots" (debilim) and appeared to encourage the four reporters to publish information that Ivztan claims "was incorrect."

Ivztan was responding to a High Court order to show cause why he should not reinstate Hefetz whom he had suspended for allegedly leaking highly classified intelligence information to reporters.

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Bodyguard (with pistol) fires at attacker in automobile who attempted to run over French Defence Minister Charles Hernu (in civilian clothes, centre) during a funeral in Toulouse yesterday for French soldiers killed in Chad. The attacker, a grief-stricken brother of one of the slain troops, was wounded and taken into custody. Story on Page 4. (UPI telephoto)

Suspected TNT leader remanded for two weeks

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHKELON. — The leading member of the four-man group suspected of planning the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, was remanded yesterday for two weeks by a magistrate judge here.

Amram Deri, 25, appeared in court handcuffed and shackled and told the judge that "there's not a shred of truth" in any of the suspicions police have about him.

The police, represented by Sgan Nitzav Shimon Tal, submitted written material to the judge, apparently including descriptions of reconstructions of eight separate sabotage incidents attributed to Terror against Terror. Tal headed the special investigation that arrested the four-man group from Ein Karem in Jerusalem.

"If indeed it is proved that you did these things, you took the law into your own hands," said Judge Shlomo Shohem. He said the crimes for which the suspect is being held "are the most serious to be found in the penal code," and would, if successful, "have sowed enmity between Jews and minorities in Israel."

As showdown with Sharon looms Levy to tell followers to back Shamir in vote

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday received a firm pledge of support from his deputy, David Levy, who promised that his followers in the Herut central committee would be instructed to vote for Shamir in tomorrow's showdown between the premier and Minister-without-Portfolio Ariel Sharon over party leadership.

Shamir and Levy agreed that their joint interest would be to push Sharon into a corner and deprive him of all clout in the party. Herut insiders told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that "Shamir is out to do what Begin had not done — he will either destroy Sharon politically, tame him or evict him from Herut."

Shamir and Levy held a two-hour meeting yesterday morning in which they took up both the impending internal contest in Herut and the election campaign.

Levy told Shamir that he considers the showdown with Sharon not only as Shamir's battle but his own.

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New Beirut military accord keeps the peace for 15 hours

BEIRUT (AP). — Fighting broke out anew yesterday in and around Beirut with rockets and shells exploding near the only open crossing between the two sectors of the divided capital, less than 15 hours after feuding factions signed a new military disengagement accord.

The early afternoon flare-up came after one Lebanese soldier was killed and two others wounded in a Christian East Beirut by sniper fire.

At 3 p.m., five shells slammed into an empty parking lot about 300 metres away from the National Museum where cars were stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic waiting to cross from one side of the city to the other, witnesses reported.

Soon thereafter machine gun and automatic rifle fire hit the crossing area, forcing travellers to abandon their cars and seek refuge in nearby buildings. One Lebanese policeman was wounded, a police report said.

Artillery barrages between Lebanese Army troops and Druse guerrillas along the mountain front east of Beirut eased to sporadic exchanges late Monday night after the announcement of the disengagement pact.

The accord was agreed to in a meeting at President Amin Gemayel's palace in suburban Baabda by the "higher security-political committee."

Committee spokesman Mounif Oweidat said other committees will be working to implement the accord, which he described as a "first step" toward ending the fighting.

Gemayel reportedly postponed his meeting with Syrian President Hafez Assad, originally scheduled for today.

The meeting will reportedly take place tomorrow or on Saturday.

Shamir says he'll campaign hard

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will devote himself intensively to electioneering only for the last six weeks of the campaign. During that period he intends to visit three or four places each day.

Shamir shared his election campaign plans yesterday with a highly experienced American political activist, Texas Democrat and millionaire Robert Strauss.

Strauss is canvassing strongly for Walter Mondale to be the Democratic nominee for president. He told Shamir that if the Democratic convention went well and "if Jesse Jackson behaves," he believed Mondale stood a good chance of beating President Ronald Reagan.

Strauss added: "If Fritz Mondale makes it to the White House, he will be the most pro-Israel president since..."

"Since Ronald Reagan," Shamir interjected diplomatically.

Strauss was a frequent visitor to the Middle East in 1979 when he served as former president Jimmy Carter's special envoy to the talks on Palestinian autonomy.

But the subject of the autonomy talks long since stalled, did not even come up in Strauss's conversation with Shamir yesterday.

Strauss is going from here to Egypt and asked Shamir what message he should take to President Hosni Mubarak. The premier replied that Israel welcomed the improvement of Egypt's ties with the Arab world — but strongly felt this need not be attained at the expense of relations with Israel.

Earlier yesterday Shamir heard a first-hand report from Abba Eban MK (Alignment-Labour) on his visit to Cairo last week and his meetings there with Mubarak and other prominent Egyptians.

Soviets warn Israel against attacking

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Soviet ambassador in Beirut yesterday reportedly issued a strong warning to Israel against attacking Syrian forces in eastern Lebanon, according to Kol Yisrael's news broadcasts last night.

Quoting Arabic radio broadcasts from Beirut, Kol Yisrael said that Ambassador Alexander Soldatov said after emerging from a meeting with Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem in Beirut that there would be "grave consequences" to an Israeli attack on Syria's troops in Lebanon.

Weizman cancels TV date, delays announcing party list

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Ezer Weizman's new Yahad (Together) Party will not unveil its list or its programme for the time being, party sources said yesterday. But they denied that Weizman is having difficulty mobilizing well-known names to run on his ticket or money to finance his campaign.

An image of disarray was strengthened, however, by Weizman's cancellation of his appearance on this evening's *Moked* television interview programme. The appearance, which was arranged a week ago, was to have afforded Weizman the opportunity of unveiling additional names on his list and details of his platform.

According to sources close to Yahad, an argument had emerged among the circle around Weizman. Some of his advisers felt he had to do something dramatic to regain his initial momentum. However, Weizman maintained he had sufficient time to regain momentum and should not expose himself this week while attention is focused on the Herut leadership struggle.

Aluf (res.) Avraham Tamir, who heads the committee drafting the Yahad platform, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the text is almost complete. He indicated the party will focus on a peace-programme, economic development and the formation of a Middle East common market.

Weizman's circle are talking of including on their list, Prof. Sasson Somekh and Haim Shaked, as well as Ma'alot Council chairman Shlomo Buchbinder.

Weizman's old friend, Wall Street lawyer Leon Charney, who is on a visit here, said he is setting up a framework for fund-raising in the U.S. for the Weizman party. Charney said that Weizman would shortly go to America as part of the fund-raising campaign.

Mondale win expected in Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA (AP). — Democratic voters yesterday went to the polls to choose their party's nominee for president, as Walter Mondale sought another big-state victory and Gary Hart tried to get back on the winning track.

At stake in this highly industrialized and economically hurting state were 172 delegates to the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco in July. A total of 1,197 delegate votes are needed to win the nomination to oppose Republican President Ronald Reagan in the November general elections.

Going into the Pennsylvania contest, Mondale leads Hart in delegates 906.8 to 555. The Rev. Jesse Jackson is third with 147.2, based on the latest computation that included final results of voting in Saturday's nominating caucuses in Wisconsin.

A poll released early yesterday said Mondale has increased his narrow lead over Hart in Pennsylvania. The ABC News-Washington Post poll conducted Saturday, Sunday and Monday said Mondale had 43 per cent, Hart had 33 per cent and Jackson had 16 per cent, with 7 per cent undecided.

Alignment-oriented students win TA University elections

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Alternative, the Tel Aviv University student group identified with the Alignment, got 60 per cent of the votes in Monday's campus elections. Final results showed yesterday. Alternative will have 49 seats on the Student Association Council (compared to 45 last time), while the rival Studention faction, identified with the Likud, lost four seats and will have 18 of the 67 seats on the council.

Alternative has more than 60 per cent of the council seats because elections are personal and by "constituencies." Each faculty or department is a "constituency" which elects its own representatives to the council.

The total 5,700 votes, Alternative got 3,400 and Studention 2,300.

Alternative sees its victory as a sign of things to come in the July Knesset elections. Student Association Shaul Rehavi told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that many students who voted Alternative hope an Alignment government will change national priorities so that more money is available for higher education and that tuition fees will not be raised as high as the Likud wishes.

Rehavi said the swing to the right in student elections in the early 1970s was later seen as heralding the Likud victory in 1977, and he hopes that history repeats itself in this respect.

But the Likud-oriented Studention faction does not see any relation between student and national elections. Yehiel Amiel, head of the Studention faction, said last night that "university students tend to the left."

He added that the "unholy alliance" between Alternative and Rakah attracted Arab student votes which proved decisive.

He said that even though Studention lost four seats on the council, it received 300 more votes than in the last election. The fact that Alternative has run the association for the past year gave it an advantage, because paid employees and association funds were available to it," he said.

Rehavi said Alternative will ask the university authorities to take disciplinary action against students who resorted to violence during the campaign. Amiel countered by saying that cases of criminal violence against Studention members have been reported to the police.

Though both Alternative and Studention disclaim any affiliation within the country's two major political parties (but each accuses the other of such affiliation), both the student voters and the faculty members who supervised the elections say that voting was along party lines.

The elections were quiet and orderly, despite pre-election propaganda in which each side accused the other of violence and dirty play. A third of those with the right to vote did so. This is the largest turn-out recorded for student elections in Israel.

Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres has congratulated the party's branch on the campus on Alternative's victory. Itim reported yesterday. "The growing identification of the younger generation with the Alignment is one of labour movement's more important accomplishments during the past few years," he said.

Six more settlements approved

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four new settlements in the West Bank and two more in the Negev were approved yesterday by the Ministerial Settlement Committee following a decision by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad to release a large part of the settlement budget at the beginning of the financial year on April 1.

Prospects for greater arms sales to U.S.

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT and WOLF BLITZER

Israel and the U.S. recently renewed their memorandum of understanding on security matters and introduced some "improvements," a well-placed defence source confirmed in Jerusalem last night.

The old agreement, which had been concluded following the signing of the Camp David accords, expired in mid-March and was renewed last month.

However, the defence source declined to say what the "improvements" were. "We have no interest in going into details," he said, adding that there was "nothing dramatic" in them.

Israeli officials in Washington confirmed that the U.S. and Israel last month extended their March 1979 memorandum of understanding designed to promote Israeli military exports to the U.S.

The extension included some improvements in Israel's access to the U.S. market, although Israel has still not been elevated to the status of Nato defence exporters.

In recent years, Israel has been attempting to expand its military exports to the Pentagon, although it has met with only limited success.

Israeli officials yesterday expressed hope that the revised extension agreement and the enhanced overall strategic relationship would combine to provide Israel with a real breakthrough to the U.S. market.

The new memorandum is for an additional five-year period and increases the number of categories open for Israeli sales.

Israeli officials said one important improvement in the modified agreement makes it clear that U.S. officials will no longer be able to veto deals with Israel for political purposes after the bidding process has been completed. Thus, if an Israeli company should come in with the low bid on a contract, the Israeli proposal will be accepted.

U.S. and Israeli officials said the related discussions on improving strategic cooperation — including the possible pre-positioning of U.S. military equipment in Israel and the signing of joint air and naval maneuvers — were also progressing smoothly.

Asked yesterday why the renewal of the agreement had not been announced, the defence source said: "It was not considered important." It was merely the renewal of an existing agreement, he added.

The original memorandum was concluded between then defence minister Ezer Weizman and his counterpart Harold Brown.

Decision next week on Pessah advances

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Salaried workers in the private sector will know only at the last minute whether they will receive an advance on their April salaries before Pessah.

Histadrut Trade Union Department head Israel Kessar requested the advance at a meeting with representatives of the employers on Monday. A Manufacturers Association spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the association had raised the matter in its various bodies and would reply to Kessar by the beginning of next week.

The spokesman stressed that Kessar had not requested a formal agreement on the advance and that the decision whether to pay will be made by each plant individually.

Uzi Netanel, head of the association's work committee, made the same point when he told Israel Radio yesterday that "those who can will pay."

Government workers will receive a \$12,000 advance on their April salaries before Pessah, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad announced earlier this week. Civil service pensioners will receive \$6,000.

J'lem embassy supporter calls opponents hypocrites

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Congressional supporters of a bill to transfer the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem renewed their campaign yesterday and one accused President Ronald Reagan and other politicians of hypocrisy for opposing the move.

Reagan has said he will veto the legislation which has broad bipartisan support, if it reaches his desk. Senior administration officials say the move could undermine U.S. credibility with Arab countries.

Representative Tom Lantos, the bill's prime sponsor, said Reagan had stated in the past that Jerusalem should be "undivided under Israeli sovereignty."

Testifying before two House of Representatives foreign affairs subcommittees, Lantos, a California Democrat, said, "It is a measure of political hypocrisy on the part of some in both political parties that we now find such vehement objections to our much more modest effort belatedly to designate a building in West Jerusalem as the American embassy in Jerusalem."

Representative Benjamin Gilman, a New York Republican, rejected arguments that the transfer of the embassy would prejudice the U.S. position on negotiations over Jerusalem.

"It should be interpreted not as a declaration of any shift in U.S. Middle East policy," he said.

Israel is the only one of 136 countries with which the U.S. has diplomatic relations in which the embassy is not in the capital city. Washington's policy is that the status of Jerusalem must be negotiated as part of a broader Middle East peace settlement.

Unidentified woman found slain in J'lem

Police last night had not been able to identify the woman whose body was found Monday on the Mt. Scopus campus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The murdered woman, aged about 20, had been beaten and repeatedly stabbed. She had red hair and was wearing black trousers, which were unfastened. (Itim)

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On eve of Kessar's accession

Histadrut officials geared for power struggle

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Various officials of the Histadrut have begun jockeying for position, following this week's announcement by Secretary-General Yehoshua Meshel that he will step down in the middle of next month. Meshel designated Trade Union Department chairman Yisrael Kassar as his successor, and Kassar's nomination as secretary-general is believed to be merely a formality.

At least five central committee members are believed to be in the running for Kassar's job as head of the Trade Union department. Of them, the most highly regarded is Elishu Reif, secretary of the Clerks Union. But Reif is close to retirement age, and it is thought unlikely that he will be elected for a short period. Another potential candidate, Technicians' Union secretary Zalman Shekman, has been damaged by his long-running feud with the union of engineers.

Histadrut sources believe that the new trade union chief will either be Kassar's present deputy Haim Habberfeld — whose supplementary position as chairman of the Israel Football Association is considered rather disparagingly in the Histadrut corridors of power — or the highly regarded secretary of the Haifa Labour Council, Moshe Wertman.

Another top position that will be left vacant on

Kassar's accession to the top is acting secretary-general. The two prime candidates are said to be Nahum Fassa, chairman of the Culture and Education Department, and Gideon Ben-Yisrael, chairman of the Organization and Labour Councils Department.

Of the two, Fassa is believed to have the better chance. He is a representative of the United Kibbutz Movement and has strong Labour Party support, reportedly including that of Jerusalem branch boss Uzi Baram and Na'amat secretary-general Masha Lubelski.

The acting secretary-general nominee will have to be acceptable to the party as a whole. Ben-Yisrael's chances are believed to be slim, due to the fact that "Kassar doesn't trust him," as one source put it.

The third possibility is that Kassar will not name anyone to act in his place. The chances of Kassar taking this option are good, sources say, given his past tendency to "duck troublesome decisions."

Much is expected of Kassar's stewardship. He is widely seen as a symbol of change, and the desire for change is palpable in the Histadrut. While no one denigrates Meshel's achievement in holding the Histadrut together during seven years of Likud rule, there is a general feeling that the organization could do with revitalization.

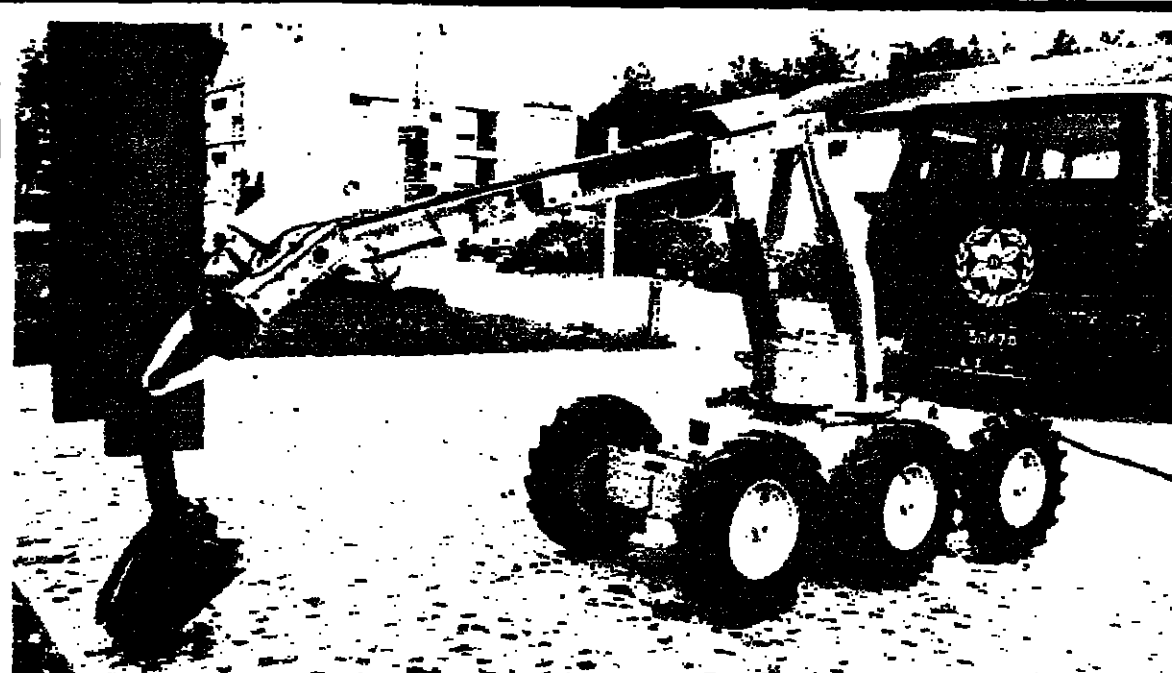
In particular, the links between the central

body and its subsidiaries, such as the Kupat Holim Clalit, as well as its links with its basic bodies of support, such as the kibbutz and moshav movements, need strengthening and redefining. If Kassar doesn't prove capable of making real changes, "he could be in for a lot of trouble," one source said.

Meshel's announcement came in reply to a letter sent to him by Labour Party Secretary-General Haim Bar-Lev, asking him whether he intended standing for another Knesset term. In his reply, Meshel said that he had been elected to the Knesset by virtue of his being the head of the Histadrut. In view of his intention to resign from the Histadrut, Meshel said, Kassar should take his place on Labour's Knesset list.

Histadrut sources say that Meshel did not come under any pressure to resign. He and Kassar had reportedly agreed some months ago that he would announce his resignation in April, and he did.

Meshel will become chairman of the Lavon Institute, a Histadrut research centre named after former secretary-general Pincus Lavon. He will also be appointed deputy president of the International confederation of Free Trade Unions in a meeting in Korea at the end of this month. The timing of the handing over of power in the Histadrut was delayed until May 15 in order to allow Meshel to travel to Korea while still secretary-general.



"Hobo," the new bomb-disposal robot purchased by the police was shown to the public yesterday. Hobo is manufactured in Ireland. (IPPA)

IDF call-up tests transport system

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Defence Forces yesterday held its third call-up exercise in six months. The exercise ended yesterday evening, but military sources would not say how successful it was.

Four code words were broadcast over Kol Yisrael and Gali Zahal, beginning at 7:30 a.m. and reservists were told to report to their prearranged meeting places. They were asked not to go to their emergency depots in their own vehicles.

This meant the IDF would see to the transportation of all the units'

soldiers. The transportation system was thus tested under conditions where it would have to take everyone to the emergency stores.

Advance announcements issued by the IDF said thousands of reservists would be involved, but military sources would not say yesterday how many actually were. They said the exercise was designed to increase public awareness of the call-up system and to improve various aspects of the operation. The last exercise was held on February 2.

The sources said there was no tension in the North yesterday despite the call-up.

Druse captive's family sends him letter, gift

BEIT JANN. — The family of Samal (Sergeant) Samir Assad, the Druse soldier who is being held prisoner in Syria by the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, yesterday sent him a letter and a package of food and clothing. The letter and package are being forwarded by the International Red Cross.

The whereabouts of Assad, who was captured in Lebanon a year ago, were unknown until he appeared on a Red Cross television screen recently. A Red Cross representative has promised the family he will visit Assad in his place of detention, family members say.

The Druse spiritual leader, Sheikh Amin Tarif, has appealed to the DFLP to release Assad.

Unifil sappers dismantle roadside bomb

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A large explosive charge wired for remote control detonation was discovered by a patrol of the French contingent of Unifil in Southern Lebanon on Monday.

Unifil spokesman Timor Goksel told The Jerusalem Post that the six-kilo charge was found under a culvert near Kana village, on the main road east from Tyre. It was connected to a 200 metre-long control wire, and French engineers dismantled the charge.

The IDF uses the road daily. Asked about press reports concerning "tension" between Unifil and the IDF as a result of two incidents during the past fortnight, Goksel termed them "exaggerated" and intimated the "tension" was mainly in the press.

In the incidents, IDF forces were reported by Unifil to have fired small arms in the path of a Fijian patrol and to have shot out a Unifil checkpoint searchlight. The incidents were reported in Goksel's weekly bulletin of events last Friday.

Lebanese businessmen may boycott South

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Lebanese businessmen met with senior Israeli officers in South Lebanon yesterday to complain about new restrictions on crossings into the Israeli-held south, Israel Radio said.

The businessmen threatened to stop all their dealings with the south if the restrictions are not lifted. The south is heavily dependent on the

north for its food, clothing and other necessities.

The mutual free movement between Israel and Lebanon has ended, reliable sources in the north disclosed yesterday. "No Lebanese organized groups will be allowed to visit the country to attend holidays or national events of their brethren here and the authorities will issue permits to tourists only after a strict examination."

TA council buries Ramat Aviv cemetery

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The municipal council yesterday rejected a controversial proposal to build a cemetery in Ramat Aviv Gimmel, describing it as a "planning disaster" that would ruin the lives of the neighbourhood's residents.

The council proposed that the Dan region's desperate need for a new cemetery be met by enlarging the present cemetery at Kiryat

Shaul. Mayor Shlomo Lahat said that 260 dunams of land are available for an extension there.

The council has thus handed the matter back to the various government bodies, which will make the final decision on where to build the cemetery. Interior Ministry Yosef Burg was singled out by many speakers during yesterday's debate as the prime supporter of the Ramat Aviv Gimmel plan.

Robber takes IS420,000 from Jaffa bank

TEL AVIV (Itim).

A masked man armed with a pistol yesterday robbed a branch of the First International Bank in Jaffa of IS420,000 and escaped on foot.

At about 11 a.m. the robber — his face covered by a stocking mask and wearing sunglasses — entered the Rehov Hapamonit branch, waved his pistol and shouted to the employees and some 20 customers to raise their hands. Much shouting ensued and some customers

managed to run outside.

The robber, described by eyewitnesses as in his twenties, jumped over the counter and pulled out a teller's drawer. Finding it empty, he opened a second drawer and took a packet of currency totalling IS420,000. He jumped back over the counter and fled.

Suspected rapist of girl, 8, sent for observation

ACRE (Itim).

The man suspected of beating and raping an eight-year-old girl Monday night was yesterday sent for 15 days' psychiatric observation by the local magistrates court.

The suspect, Fauzi Safadi, 30, of Acre, allegedly abducted the sleeping girl from her home and took her to a nearby field, where he assaulted her.

"Send me to the hospital," Safadi told the court yesterday. "I don't know how it happened to me. I simply don't know what or how I did it."

The judge ordered Safadi sent for observation to determine whether he is fit to stand trial.

Man charged with indecent act on boy

TEL AVIV (Itim).

A local man yesterday was indicted in the district court for committing sodomy on a four-year-old boy and for burglarizing an apartment.

Moshe Shimon, 22, is accused of committing both crimes on March 18. He allegedly used a skeleton key to enter the flat and steal a stereo set, a suitcase and a towel.

DANGEROUS. — The Transport Ministry and the Trucking Board are organizing a special course for truck drivers on how to transport dangerous materials.

Price hikes needed to keep prices falling—Electric Corp.

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HADERA. — The price of electricity to the consumer fell by 13 per cent in real terms in the last two years and is expected to continue dropping despite the scrapping of government subsidies, Yehuda Milo, the Electric Corporation's director of finance, told reporters at the Ma'or David power station here yesterday.

The forecast decrease, however, is conditional on the government acceding to corporation requests for a full and speedy implementation of price hikes due to inflation, he said.

The corporation recently requested a 15 per cent price rise but this was reduced to 14 per cent by the Energy Ministry and then to 10 per cent by the Knesset Finance Committee.

"This cutback will cost the corporation IS6 billion by the end of the year. The money will have to be recouped from the consumer at a later date or through the re-introduction of subsidies, he said."

Milo said both the corporation and the Energy Ministry oppose further subsidies because they kept

the price of electricity artificially low, thereby encouraging waste. More fuel has to be purchased to meet the demand as well, which increases Israel's foreign debt, he said.

The consumer is now paying 6.35 cents per kilowatt hour, compared to 7.02 cents per KWH in 1981-82 — a reduction in real terms of 13 per cent. Milo said he expects the price to drop to 6 cents per KWH by the end of the 1984-85 fiscal year.

This reduction is due to a drop in production costs resulting mainly from the increased use of coal instead of oil to generate electricity. Production costs fell from 8.3 cents per KWH in 1981-82 to the present 6.35 cents per KWH.

Referring to the corporation's 1983-4 balance sheet, Milo said the total revenue was \$806.7 million, of which \$740.6m. came from electricity sales, \$44m. in government subsidies and \$42m. from other sources.

Milo said that with the introduction of the fourth and final coal-fired generating unit at the Hadera station, 52 per cent of the country's electricity needs for 1984-85 would be produced from coal.

Most Tami voters unhappy, but all CRM voters happy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Seventy per cent of Tami voters are unhappy with their lives in Israel and 60 per cent of them would prefer to live in the U.S. In contrast, 100 per cent of those who vote for Shulamit Aloni's Citizens Rights Movement are happy where they are.

These are some of the findings of a public opinion poll carried out by the Dahaf Institute and published in the current issue of the weekly Koteret Rashit.

No linkage on pension base for disabled

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Knesset recently passed a law denying linkage to the index on pensions of persons disabled or widowed by work accidents, leaders of their representative association complained at a press conference yesterday.

It was reported that the work accident victim (or his widow) is entitled to a monthly pension based on 85 per cent of the average of the last three salaries earned. If the person is 19 per cent disabled (the minimum disability for which a pen-

sion is granted) he gets 19 per cent of 85 per cent of the average of the last three salaries. If he is 100 per cent disabled he gets 100 per cent of 85 per cent of the average of the last three salaries.

However, since it often takes years for the eligibility determination to be made, a great deal of money is lost in today's inflation the base (75 per cent of the last three salaries) is not linked to the index, it was stated.

Before the new law was passed, work accident victims received 120 per cent interest a year when pension payments were delayed because of wrangles in National Insurance Institute committees or in court over whether the individual was eligible and for how long.

However, lawyer Yoel Levy decided to fight for linkage to the index for his client. "Now my conscience is bothering me for having been too good a lawyer," he said yesterday. "My client got a lot of money, retroactive linkage since 1979 totalling over IS600,000, but the Knesset quickly passed a law denying linkage to other victims," he said.

Haggada in Amharic for Ethiopian Jews

Jerusalem Post Staff

Ethiopian immigrants will be able to use a Haggada printed in their own language at their Pessah seders this year for the first time.

In addition to the traditional text in Amharic and Hebrew, the new Haggada includes folklore and legends which have passed down orally for generations and a section on Pessah laws in Amharic.

The Haggada has been published by the Absorption Ministry in cooperation with Ethiopian Jewish leaders Yona Bogla and Rabbi Yosef Hadani.

Study: Low birth weight doesn't mar intelligence

Low birth weight does not cause difficulties in the development of intelligence in later years, a study at Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, has found. However, it also shows that premature babies may have deficiencies in their aural memory.

The study, carried out by Dr. Pening Klein of the university's School of Education, shows that few differences in mental functioning exist between premature babies and babies born with normal weight.

Klein did find that premature babies may have a specific deficiency in their aural memory, which may lead to learning problems later in life. Another finding of the study is that the best indication of how the child will develop is the quality of the connection between parent and baby.

Boom in carp sales as Pessah approaches

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Housewives are giving the fish breeders a bumper Pessah season, with live carp sales to total 1,000 tons this month, double the usual quantity.

The secretary of the breeders' union, Amnon Levin, told The Jerusalem Post that carp is traditional for Pessah, but this year's sales were even better than usual.

Carp is selling at a controlled price of IS454 per kilo retail.

HIKERS. — A map showing hiking trails in Galilee has been published by the Nature Protection Society.



Objects which terrorists are likely to use for booby traps are displayed yesterday at Kfar Macabiah in Ramat Gan. (IPPA)

Man stabbed to death in Jerusalem lockup

A prisoner was stabbed to death in his cell in the Jerusalem lockup in the Russian Compound yesterday morning. The man, Yitzhak Lambretto, 30, who lived in the Kiryat Hayovel quarter, had been brought to the lockup on Monday to stand trial in Jerusalem District Court on a charge of armed robbery.

There were between five and 10 other detainees in the cell, Itim reported.

Hungary cuts red tape for Israeli tourists

TEL AVIV. — Hungary has cut bureaucratic red tape for Israelis who wish to visit Hungary this year, the 40th anniversary of the Nazi destruction of Hungarian Jewry, representatives of the Public Committee to Preserve the Traditions of Hungarian Jewry told a press conference here yesterday.

Those who want to visit Hungary for two or three days can join an organized tour, leaving from Vienna and do not need request visa. Those going on their own can request visas through the Swedish consulate.

The conference was called to announce an exhibit opening at the Beit Hatefutsot August 12 on the history of Hungarian Jewry from the 17th century to World War II.

U.S. FLIGHTS. — El Al will start flying to Chicago and Los Angeles (via Amsterdam) on June 17, the company announced yesterday. El Al already flies to New York, Boston and Miami.

March showed rise in traffic accidents

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police reported 1,164 road accidents involving deaths or injuries during March, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday. This compares with 990 serious mishaps in February.

A sharp February-to-March increase in serious road accidents was also reported in the administered areas, the bureau said. There were 81 accidents involving injuries or fatalities last month as against 69 in February.

In Jerusalem, however, Transport Minister Haim Corfu reported a 12 per cent drop in road-accident fatalities during the first three months of this year compared with the same period a year ago — 96, down from 109.

Haifa University head resigns due to poor health

HAIFA. — Yosef Teicher, president of Haifa University, has resigned after two years in office.

Teicher, a successful businessman and academic, is 67 and cited health reasons and overwork for his decision.

The university's management committee has appointed a committee under Professor Naftali Wydra to select a successor, who is to be proposed to the Board of Governors at its annual meeting next month.

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Astronauts retrieve Solar Max satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP). — A television picture showed Solar Max being remotely rotated on the stand, putting it in position for the fix-it job today, when astronauts George Nelson and James Van Houten are to take a double space walk to replace two defective parts — a control system module and an electronics box. If they succeed in restoring the satellite's health, it will be returned to its own orbit tomorrow to resume its study of the sun that was interrupted by the failures more than three years ago.

Challenger then would return to Cape Canaveral on Friday after a week in space, one day later than originally planned.

Because the shuttle's fuel supply was low, flight controllers worked out a plan to get the most out of what was left. They moved up one engine firing to Monday, instead of a series of firings yesterday.

Mafia-run 'pizza parlour' heroin ring smashed in U.S.

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Hundreds of federal agents have smashed the "Pizza connection" — a major U.S. heroin ring run by Mafia chieftains that used pizza parlours across New York and the Middle West as drug smuggling fronts.

The arrests of people involved in the ring that smuggled heroin worth \$1.6 billion into the U.S. over the past five years were announced Monday by Attorney-General William French Smith and FBI chief William Webster.

Among those arrested was Italy's most-wanted criminal, Mafia leader Gaetano Badalamenti, described by U.S. officials as one of the world's biggest heroin exporters.

Badalamenti, 51, was seized on Sunday in Madrid as he met his nephew Petro Alfano, a pizza parlour owner from the small town

of Oregon, Illinois.

Alfano, who was also arrested, was one of five Midwest pizza parlour owners and Badalamenti relatives who collected heroin from him, then passed it to a New York underworld organization headed by 43-year-old Salvatore Catalano, officials said.

Catalano, who used a bakery and a pizza parlour as fronts for his activities, headed the "Catalano faction" of the Bonanno crime family, one of five major Mafia gangs in New York City.

According to indictments released Monday, Catalano also masterminded a money-laundering scheme which saw million of dollars from heroin sales invested in stocks through such New York brokerage houses as E.F. Hutton and Merrill Lynch and in commodity futures in Switzerland.

Belgian Jews protest 'room' at Auschwitz

BRUSSELS (AP). — Belgian Jewish organizations on Monday protested against the forthcoming inauguration of a "Belgian Room" at the Auschwitz concentration camp which does not recall that most of the 30,000 Belgian victims were Jews.

The room, as well as a monument, will be inaugurated at the camp in Poland on April 17.

The Jewish organizations said they were shocked to notice that nowhere in the literature announcing the inauguration it mentioned that most Belgians sent to Auschwitz were Jews, deported and

killed as Jews.

In a letter sent to the Belgian Auschwitz Foundation, responsible for the "Belgian Room," the Jewish organizations said that "by failing to point out that most of the 30,000 Belgians sent to Auschwitz were killed because they were Jews, not because they were Belgians, you are taking part in a forgery of history and helping disinform future generations."

The organizations also blamed the organizers for staging the inauguration the first day of Pesach, which they considered a lack of respect for the victims, since "no Jew can take part on that day."

MacLaine, Duvall, 'Endearment' get top Oscars

LOS ANGELES. — Terms of *Endearment*, the bittersweet story of a mother and daughter, was named best picture of 1983 Monday night, while Shirley MacLaine and Jack Nicholson won Oscars as the eccentric mother and the hard-drinking ex-astronaut with whom she has an affair.

In addition to the Best Picture award Term producer and director James Brooks took Oscars for best director and the screenplay adaptation.

Robert Duvall was voted best actor for his role as a washed up country singer who overcomes alcoholism in *Tender Mercies*. He was the only American nominated in his category, competing against

four British actors.

Tender Mercies picked up a second award for Horton Foote's original screenplay.

"I deserved this — thank you," declared MacLaine, who had been nominated four times previously, the first time in 1958 for *Some Came Running*, but had never won.

"I have wondered for 26 years what this would feel like. Thank you for terminating this suspense."

The jubilant Nicholson kept in character by telling reporters "I'm going to go out, see my friends and get loaded (drunk)."

As his name was announced among the nominees in the audience, Nicholson, wearing dark glasses, stuck out his tongue at the

TV camera.

The Swedish film *Fanny and Alexander* won four Oscars, including best foreign-language film and best cinematography. Director Ingmar Bergman has said this film could be his last.

Bergman's wife, Ingrid, told the audience she would telephone the news to her husband in Sweden, but later said that "I cannot telephone him because he has pulled out the plug. He will probably hear the news on the radio tomorrow."

Oscar history was made when the 1.4 metre-tall Linda Hunt won the award for best supporting actress

— for portraying a man. "In the future I would play anything truly interesting — and a

woman," said Hunt, who played an idealistic dwarf photographer in *The Year of Living Dangerously*.

Barbra Streisand's film *Yentl*, of which she was producer, director and star, won just one award, for best original song score, by Michel Legrand and Alan and Marilyn Bergman.

One of the night's biggest ovations went to 92-year-old producer-director Hal Roach — who brought Harold Lloyd, Will Rogers, Laurel and Hardy and our Gang to the screen. He accepted an honorary Oscar for his contributions to film comedy.

The theme of *Flashdance* took the prize for best original song. (AP—Reuters)



Robert Duvall and Shirley MacLaine displaying their acting awards after the Oscar ceremonies in Hollywood on Monday night. (UPI telephoto)

Police shoot man at French soldiers' funeral

TOULOUSE (Reuters). — Police yesterday shot and injured a man who tried to drive his car into a group of people including French Defence Minister Charles Hernu at the funeral of nine French soldiers killed in Chad, the Defence Ministry said.

Eye-witnesses said the car was driven by the brother of one of the dead soldiers. As he aimed the vehicle at the group, police guarding the minister and Chief of Staff General

Jeannot Lacaze opened fire, seriously injuring him.

The Defence Ministry had no further details, but said the incident happened after the bodies of the dead men had been flown in to Toulouse from Chad.

The nine soldiers, part of a 3,000-man force supporting President Hissene Habre's troops in Chad against the Libyan-backed rebels of Goukouni Oueddei, were killed in an explosion last Saturday. Six others were injured.

Mrs. Carter talks about Camp David

WASHINGTON (AP). — Former first lady Rosalynn Carter says in a forthcoming book that tensions were so high during the Camp David summit that her husband, at one point, ordered increased Secret Service protection for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. He feared Sadat might be harmed by members of his party for supporting peace with Israel.

Mrs. Carter, wife of former President Jimmy Carter, also says that her husband's loss to Ronald Reagan in the 1980 presidential race left her "bitter."

She made her comments in her new book, *First Lady from Plains*, an account of her life with Carter to be published next month by Houghton Mifflin Co. The Carters are from Plains, Georgia.

Mrs. Carter wrote that during the 1978 Camp David summit tension was so high that Carter awakened before dawn one day worrying about the safety of Sadat. She said Carter ordered the Secret Service to increase security around Sadat's cabin.

"He told them about concessions made by Sadat that were not well accepted by others in the Egyptian delegation and about a heated discussion he had seen on Sadat's porch late in the previous afternoon among some of his more militant advisers," the former first lady wrote.

Austrian judge bans plaque on Hitler house

BRAUNAU (AP). — An Austrian judge yesterday banned the government from placing an anti-fascist plaque on the house where Adolf Hitler was born nearly 95 years ago.

The ruling came after a four-hour court hearing, in which witnesses for the government failed to convince Judge Leopold Heinrich Ammerer that affixing the plaque was covered under the terms of lease on the building.

The inscription of the marble slab, planned for inauguration on October 8, read: "Never again

fascism. Millions of dead warn. For peace, freedom and democracy."

Ammerer, explaining his ruling, said: "Witnesses today concurred that when the city, through the government, leased the building in 1972, there was no word of any such designation. In fact, the city then rejected plans to identify the house in any way."

He also criticized three government jurists who testified in court for failure to contact the owner before giving the green light for city fathers to mount the controversial plaque.

Soviets expel 3 tourists for 'smuggling'

MOSCOW (Reuters). — An American and two West German tourists have been expelled from the Soviet Union after trying to smuggle religious literature, printing materials and money into the country, the official news agency Tass said yesterday.

It named the U.S. citizen as Paul Allen Gonzalez and the West Germans as Rainer and Marlene Dietze and said they had been caught after customs officials discovered secret compartments in their Mercedes camping van.

The report charged that the three had concealed 2,000 booklets, 40 cassette tapes, printing paper and ink and a large sum of money in various parts of the vehicle's bodywork.

The books had been of a "religious and anti-Soviet" nature and the tapes were recordings of church music, it added.

Top Soviet physicist Kapitzka, dies at 89

MOSCOW (AP). — Petr Kapitzka, the Nobel Prize-winning physicist who helped develop the atomic bomb, died on Sunday at age 89, the official news agency Tass reported yesterday.

Kapitzka shared the 1978 Nobel Prize in physics with two American radio astronomers. He was given the award for his pioneering research on low temperature

physics.

Among his achievements was a device to produce liquid helium.

He had worked in Britain at Cambridge University, but returned to the Soviet Union in 1934.

The official obituary made no mention of the work Kapitzka was reported in the West to have done in developing the Soviet atomic and hydrogen arsenals.

Falklands hospital fire kills baby, seven others

PORT STANLEY, Falkland Islands (Reuters). — Eight persons were killed yesterday when fire gutted the only hospital on the Falkland Islands, officials said.

One of the dead was a two-week-old baby. One woman was missing.

Pentagon reports Soviet arms growth

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Defence Department yesterday issued its third annual report on the Soviet military, outlining a vast buildup of weapons which may include a ground-based laser capable of blinding U.S. satellites.

Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger said the Soviet increase should be met with higher U.S. defence spending to "restore the strength necessary to maintain peace with freedom."

The 121-page document covers a wide array of Soviet weaponry and was released as congressional committees prepare to begin voting on a

record Pentagon budget in the fourth year of the Reagan administration's five-year plan to "re-arm America."

Weinberger told a news conference he thought the Soviet goal remains what it always has been: "World domination, it's just that simple."

Weinberger said the Pentagon book documents a "continuing upgrade of all elements" of Soviet conventional and nuclear forces.

To meet the Soviet buildup, Weinberger urged the U.S. and its NATO allies "to make very large" efforts to increase defence spending.

UK miners and police clash again

LONDON (Reuters). — Police and miners clashed in Britain's coal fields yesterday as Parliament prepared for an emergency debate on the role of the police in a month-long strike in the state industry.

Police arrested three pickets during scuffles outside one pit in Staffordshire, central England, where miners were still working, and three at a pit near Manchester.

But the clashes were less violent than Monday's when police arrested almost 100 strikers trying to

widen the action by stopping colleagues in other areas going to work.

The strike, over plans to axe 20,000 jobs and close losing pits, has shut down more than three-quarters of the industry. But it has also led to clashes between miners and police and between strikers and those wanting to work.

The opposition Labour Party called yesterday's debate to air accusations from striking miners of police harassment, brutality and denial of civil liberties.

Sports

Glickstein loses

Post Sports Staff
Shlomo Glickstein put up a determined battle against Anders Jarryd of Sweden, ranked 15 in the world, but eventually lost to him 6-7, 6-1, 5-7 in the first round of the Luxembourg Grand Prix Tennis Tournament.

Capital runs

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Registration is going well for Jerusalem's first "mini-marathon," which Maccabi Israel is staging on April 19, together with a 4-km. mass-run for all comers. It is expected that some 250 men and women will line up at the Liberty Bell Garden for the start of the 21.1-km. "mini" through the southern districts of the capital, with at least 2,000 adults and juniors participating in the shorter distance, race director Rami Ziemian told me yesterday.

The mass run will take a route along Heron Road to Gilo and then return through Telat to the starting point. The event begins at 3 p.m. with the popular run getting under way shortly afterwards.

While several athletes are expected from overseas, especially for the five-mile race, the foreign entry will be made up for the most part of UN personnel and kibbutz volunteers.

The prize for the winner of the men's event will be a return ticket to the U.S. The runner-up and the winner of the women's race will get tickets to England. Four tickets to England will be raffled among competitors.

Sly objection

LONDON (AP). — Wendy Sly, one of Britain's leading middle distance runners, said she is seriously considering pulling out of the Olympic Games in protest over the possible selection of Zola Budd, the teenage former South African granted British citizenship last week. "I am seriously considering that, as a matter of principle, I should pull out," Sly said in an interview with *The Standard*, London's evening newspaper.

Sly said: "I just don't believe it's fair to other British athletes who have been making sacrifices for several years to get to Los Angeles, that everything should have been done so quickly for one girl. She must have some important friends in very high places."

Sly said there was little similarity between Budd's case and that of Sydney Merson, a black South African who is hoping to run for the United States at Los Angeles. Merson, she said, had "served his athletic apprenticeship in his own country."

Lansford's first

NEW YORK (AP). — Carney Lansford hit an O-2 pitch from reliever Dennis Lamp over the fence for a two-run homer in the bottom of the eighth inning to give the Oakland A's a 4-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday night.

The homer, Lansford's first, scored Joe Morgan and was Lansford's third game-winning RBI of the season for the A's, who are off to a 5-1 start.

The game was the only one in the American League on Monday. Pedro Guerrero almost hit that home run of the season and Mike Scuderi drove in two runs with a home-run single at the Los Angeles Dodgers downed the Chicago Cubs 4-2.

Jerry Reuss, who had surgery on his left elbow on January 24, won his first start of the season. The Dodgers left-hander gave up all six runs, struck out four and walked none in 7 2/3 innings. Tom Seaver took the final four outs for his first start.

Charles Frazier took the loss. In the only other NL game, Nick Eskey drove in three runs and Duane Walker belted a two-run homer in his first at-bat of the season to power the Cincinnati Reds to a 3-0 victory over the Montreal Expos.

Pete Rose, the former Cincinnati star now playing left field for the Expos, had a double and single in five at-bats to leave him three hits shy of 4,000 for his career.

Unhappy winner

NEW YORK (AP). — Although the New York Knicks beat Cleveland to move within a half-game of Detroit, in the race for a home-court advantage in the play-offs, star forward Bernard King was worried.

"Lately we haven't played well as a team defensively," said King, who scored 22 points in the Knicks' 118-113 victory over the Cavaliers on Monday night. "That can't go on in the playoffs. We need to be in the Eastern Conference semifinals. The Knicks are 46-33. King is playing with a dislocated middle finger on his right hand, while forward Louie Orr has a bad back and dislocated centre Bill Cartwright a dislocated finger.

Brave bowlers

ST JOHN'S, Antigua (Reuters). — Scoring 492 for nine yesterday the West Indies built up an unassailable position against Australia in their fourth cricket Test. Nevertheless, Australia's bowlers put up a valiant performance.

The host on the third day of the Test was apparently the pick of the bowlers, but the bowlers restricted West Indies to 220 runs in six hours of play. Their game was the greater because of the fact that after tea, their attack was reduced to three bowlers because of an injury to Geoff Lawson.

Chris Olden, a big Queensland fast bowler, bowled 24 consecutive overs before lunch, and finished with four wickets, including Richards and Richardson, for 156. John Magee took three for 122. Richardson made 154.

Better than

Annie Oakley

Post Sports Staff
Yair Davidowitz, a member of the Israeli Olympic shooting squad now in North America, scored a perfect 400 in the prone rifle shooting position to take a gold medal in an international competition in Mexico. He established an Israeli record. The squad now moves on to Los Angeles for further pre-Olympic competitions.

SCOREBOARD

TENNIS: Luxembourg Grand Prix: Eric Lemaire (W.G.), 19 beat Stefan Edberg (Sweden), 6-4. Anthony Rimmer beat Peter Fleming: Hober Gombosi beat John Alexander.
SOCCER: English Division 1: Everton 0, Arsenal 0.



Pessah Message by the Lubavitcher Rabbi שליט"א

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By the Grace of G-d
Third Day of the Week,
Twice blessed with "good,"
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To the Sons and Daughters of our
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Greeting and Blessing:

Coming from Shabbos Parshas HaChodesh, and into this day of Rosh Chodesh Nissan, the first thought that immediately comes to mind is the first Rosh Chodesh Nissan in the Torah, in the said Parshah, when this day was designated as the first day of the first month, the month of Yetzias Mitzraim. Zman Cheirusenu (the Season of Our Liberation).

The Torah relates that on that day, Rosh Chodesh Nissan — two weeks before the deliverance from Egyptian enslavement — our Jewish people received the first Mitzvah: *Kiddush HaChodesh*, Sanctification of the New Moon, whereby the first day of each month is sanctified as "Rosh Chodesh," in conjunction with the *Molad* ("rebirth") of the moon as it reappears as a narrow crescent. Together with this came other details of our Jewish *Luach* (annual calendar), including *Ibbur Shonim* (proclaiming a Leap Year by inserting an additional month of Adar). Thus our *Luach* was instituted on the basis of the *Lunar year* (twelve lunar months), coupled with an adjustment to the *Solar year* by the intercalation of an additional month after every two or three years, making that year a Jewish Leap Year (consisting of 13 months). In this way the accumulated deficiency of the Lunar year relative to the Solar year is filled in as required by the Torah that the month of Nissan — *Chodesh Ha'aviv* ("Spring month") — be kept in the spring, as at the time of the Exodus; thereafter all our other festivals also occur in their proper season.

At the same time, on the same day of Rosh Chodesh Nissan, our Jewish people were instructed by Hashem concerning the *Korban Pesach* (Pesach sacrifice) and *Chag HaPesach*, as to how Jews are to celebrate the Festival of Our Liberation, *Zman Cheirusenu*, not only as the anniversary of our deliverance from physical slavery, but also — and especially — as our Festival of Freedom in the spiritual sense, namely liberation not only from enslavement to Mitzraim of yore, but to all "Mitzraims" at all times and in all places. This surely is a basic instruction in Torah ("Torah," from the word *hora'ah*, meaning "instruction"), which, like all instructions of the eternal Torah, is eternal and valid at all times and wherever Jews live; certainly instructions that are connected with Pesach, the Season of Our Freedom, which is a preparation for *Mattan Torah* and *Kabbolas HaTorah* (being given and accepting the Torah at Sinai and ever since).

This year being a *Leap Year* in our Jewish *Luach*, it focuses attention, in tangible relevant manner, on the significance of the first Mitzvah of *Kiddush HaChodesh* and *Ibbur Shonim*, mentioned above. Hence it provides a particularly timely occasion to reflect on the significance of our Jewish Leap Year, which, like all Jewish matters, is, first of all, relevant to the state of Yiddishkeit, Torah and Mitzvos in our everyday life.

Especially as till the first day of Nissan, the matter of a year being a leap year — is not settled, for the Beis-Din (Highest Rabbinical Court) had the prerogative to intercalate a month and make it a Leap Year. Rosh Chodesh of the Month of *Gevul* thus also brings deliverance from the aforementioned uncertainty, and provides assurance and strength of now being ready to hear about and "take up" the Mitzvah of Pesach and Korban Pesach, and in two weeks' time to come out of "Mitzraim" (in all implied meanings); hence also to begin counting the days of the Omer in anticipation of receiving the Torah, etc. — *Avodas HaShem* (serving Hashem) in all days ahead.

As we have already discussed the subject of the Leap Year several times before, we will dwell here on the aspect of it, namely, the special relevance of the Leap Year to *Avodas HaShem*, bearing in mind that *Avodas HaShem* is the foundation of true *cheirus* (freedom),

as our Sages express that the true *ben-chorin* (free person) is one who is *osek* (immersed) in Torah and lives by the Torah.

The significance of our Leap Year, as mentioned above, is closely associated with the uniqueness of our *Luach*. It is based on the rule that our Jewish people count the days and the months by the moon. This means that our *Luach* is basically *lunar*, but takes into account the sun (which determines the seasons of the year), thus assuring that Pesach and all our other festivals occur in their proper season. Now, both the sun and the moon were created "to give light upon the earth" and to serve mankind; while the task of a human being is, to quote our Sages, "I was created to 'serve' my Creator," namely, to serve Hashem.

There is an obvious difference between the sun and the moon in the manner of their providing light on the earth: The sun radiates its light in the same constant manner, without perceptible change from day to day. On the other hand, the moon "renews" itself (which is why the moon is also called *chodesh*, "new") as it reappears, or is "reborn" (*molad*) at the beginning of each month, first as a narrow crescent and then becoming fuller and brighter from day to day, until it attains its complete fullness and brightness on the fourteenth-fifteenth day of the month.

In other words: The sun and the moon symbolize two different characteristics. The sun represents the element of *sameness* and *constancy*; the moon — *change* and *renewal*.

Both these elements are found in *Avodas HaShem*. And although at first glance they appear contradictory, both of them combined together are indispensable to achieve *completeness* in *Avodas HaShem*. The explanation is as follows:

There are those aspects of *Avodas HaShem* which are the same from day to day, without change. For instance, a Jew begins every day, immediately upon rising from his sleep, with the declaration of *Modesh Ani*, acknowledging and thanking Hashem, the "Living and Eternal King," for giving him life and fresh powers to serve Him; so is also the Mitzvah of reading the *Shema*, expressing total commitment to Hashem and to His commandments to the point of self sacrifice; so are the blessings and prayers which are recited every day; so also the Mitzvah of learning, and of *Avavas Yisroel*, and a host of other Mitzvos which a Jew is obligated to do each and every day.

At the same time, a Jew is expected to generate a *renewal* and *resurgence* of inspiration and joy in all matters of Yiddishkeit, particularly those that are repeated every day, so that they should be experienced as if they had been just given that day by Hashem for the first time;

And an additional measure of inspiration on special days, Shabbos and Yom-Tov, etc., which are associated with additional prayers and special Mitzvos that have to be fulfilled only on those special days, such as lighting candles, making *Kiddush* on Shabbos and Yom-Tov, eating *Matzah* during the Season of Our Freedom, and so forth. These certainly call for special inspiration and joy — so much so, that the holiness of Shabbos should be felt every day of the week, and the teachings of the festivals should be an inspiration throughout the year. Thus, for example, it is explained by our Sages that the "Season of Our Freedom" should be experienced daily, in terms of freedom from all inner and outer limitations that hinder the fullest pursuit of *Avodas HaShem* wholeheartedly and with joy, being truly free.

May Hashem grant that, as of this Rosh Chodesh Nissan and increasingly in the days ahead, everyone should deeply meditate on the topic enunciated above, as well as on the other aspects which are associated with *Chag HaMatzos*, the Season of Our Liberation, which, as noted above, are all relevant to everyone's everyday life and conduct throughout the year;

And may this also hasten the complete and true *Gevul* of every Jew and all Jews, and thereby also the true freedom of all the peoples of the world;

And the fulfillment of the prophetic words, "for You [Hashem] will rule over all the nations," and "they shall know that You, whose Name is Hashem, is the only Supreme Ruler over all the earth."

With esteem and with blessing
for a Kasher and joyous Pesach
Signed: Menachem Schneerson

Riding the waves

By HELGA DUDMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

IT WAS A glorious moment of moral superiority for us radio listeners when Haim Kravitz turned up on TV's *Shema* long ago. We've known him for some time, of course, on Gali Gazi's afternoon radio show; on the Second Programme, admiring him as he pretends to be this or that political figure. It's done without imitative tricks of speech; Kravitz merely exposes this or that political heart and mind in what is always a wonderfully educational experience for the listener, and often an embarrassing one for the politician presented.

This is well suited for radio, where it works as a serious game. We don't really want to see the throbbing soul of, say, the minister of energy, we want to learn what's going on. On television, impersonators do their stuff with much broader strokes, and we are usually too busy being critical of the make-up and the wig to savour the slices of the bone. Still, one healthy result of the jobs done recently on David Levy, Ariel Sharon, Rafael Eitan and others — especially during the Purim season, and in the light of impending elections — is that now, when the real things are heard up close, it gets harder and harder to distinguish between the original and the far-out comic job.

I raise these various interconnections between radio and TV because the two are always considered separately and programme-by-programme, whereas we listeners tend to absorb the waves of both in an unstructured, mixed-up way, often forgetting where we heard, saw, or read what. All the input becomes yesterday's gossamer, the barely recollected muddle of the mishap-before-last.

Except for unusually vivid visual events, most news is abstract. This means, I am convinced, that we are able to absorb it with more concentration on the radio than on TV. If anybody were ever to test the public's grasp of some fairly complicated piece of news, of which we have no lack, I don't doubt that those who heard it via radio would get better grades than those who caught it on the screen, human drama notwithstanding.

Watching the box, one gets so involved worrying about the necktie of the broadcaster, and whether he is cute, and analysing those idiotic shots of other television cameramen, and of the world's leaders getting on and off planes and in and out of limousines, that the meat of the matter simply disappears. People like me, with black-and-white TV, are at least spared worrying about the colours of the necktie in question.

WE WITH OUR radio-sharpened ears may be excused, then, for detecting some ominous strains on the screen blowing in the direction

of commercial TV. Why, for instance, are *Erev Hadash* and *Near Ones* and *Dear Ones* produced within the framework of Educational Television? Is either of them all that educational? *Erev Hadash* is often very good and informative, but no more so than the Friday evening magazine.

Well, my powers of analysis, derived from many years with radio, lead me to suspect that this is where the second, commercial channel will spring from. Does anybody have any better explanation for this rather silly organizational placement? And the real clue may be found in *Near and Dear*. Has anybody else noticed that it is being structured with two distinct cuts for the commercial messages?

I know, I know; we aren't supposed to be going into that degree of dollarization in commercialized TV series, just discreet messages at the close. Still, it makes me nervous. No doubt it is just what comes of trying to copy so assiduously something called a sit-com. In *Near and Dear*, this shows up in the new series in the change of the final scene, as the credits roll skyward at 90 km per hour.

A recent TV programme which came across as if it were already on a commercial channel was the one with parents of Newly Religious children grinning and bearing it, trying to convince us that it really isn't so awful, in fact it can be quite sweet. This show was admittedly an attempt to give the other side to the point made, in previous appearances, by parents who have organized to protest against the phenomenon. But this TV effort was, I think, below the level of anything that might have been permitted on the radio: one almost expected some low-keyed commercial message at the end, along the lines of "This Beautiful Programme was brought to you through the courtesy of Yeshivat Or Sameah."

I would have felt sorry for one participant, the woman writer and mother of a Newly Religious daughter, for being so brave and up-tight; if only she hadn't been so dreadfully illogical in her gracious

acceptance of her fate. Asked about the charge of brain-washing on the part of some rabbis at some yeshiva for the Newly Religious, she said, in effect, "Well, but what about the Hippies? Wasn't that brain-washing too?" No, it was not; that was what is called in American English a cop-out. Gurus were a late arrival on the Hippie scene. The main thing was to do Do Your Thing. Anything less comparable to the Penitent Scene would be hard to imagine.

ONE of the Newly Religious also invited suspicions of a commercial. This was the young woman — once of television; her name appeared on the credits — who is now happily married, but has a weight problem. Now, it is not supposed to be nice to criticize how people look; but then, that is what television is about. People with figure problems should stick to radio appearances. The commercial that came to mind in this case was: "Why bother with Weight Watchers? You too can find a man, just come to our Yeshiva! We do the rest!"

This programme was broadcast some time ago, and is hardly news. But I see no reason not to deal with something even if it is more than a week old, because I refuse to accept the medium-law that says, "Once it's a day and a half old, forget it." If something sticks in the mind, even negatively, a month later — then at least perhaps it was worth seeing.

And then there is music. If ever any human achievement was made for radio, it is music — the most abstract of all arts, and therefore the least suited to television. Perhaps the idea is to bring the orchestra to the masses; but I for one take a dim view of concerts on the screen. Playing around with camera angles, and those awful close-ups of the pianist's knuckles — pfui! Music, unlike children, was meant to be heard, not seen.

Live music is something else, and it is one thing to sit in a concert hall and see the orchestra, or soloist, or chamber group, from where you are sitting.

On radio, music and talk can make a wonderful combination, as in Michal Smora-Cohen's series, rebroadcast lately after the original appearance 10 years ago (then, First Channel; now, Voice of Music). I loved it then and I loved it the second time round. I wonder what effect it had on the girl who asked the questions that long decade ago.

To close on an anti-radio note: the silliest performance going is the occasional appearance, on the Second Programme in the afternoon, of Dan Kaner reading, in his super-melodious Hebrew, the lyrics of American pop songs. This happens when Gali Gazi is unavailable. Perhaps somebody is poking fun at what has become of Ashkenazi culture.



Claudio Scimone

Disarming iconoclast

MUSIC

ISRAELI CHAMBER ORCHESTRA. Claudio Scimone, conductor and harpsichordist; Peter Lukas Graf, flautist. (Tel Aviv Museum, April 4) Concert: Symphony No. 2 in D major; Strauss: Concerto in G major for flute and harpsichord; Concerto in C major for harpsichord and string orchestra; Weber: Symphony No. 1 in G major.

CLAUDIO SCIMONE dropped by for two concerts in Israel — in Tel Aviv and Eilat Hashofet — and with a disarming smile quashed several fairly widespread musical notions.

Such as that a concert must be a serious, uptight affair; that the Baroque and early classical compositions are to be performed with inflexible exactitude; that all the important music works of the early 19th century were composed in Vienna; that a conductor worth his salt must control a fixed set of motions in order to make his intentions clear to the orchestra.

There is nothing rigid whatsoever about Claudio Scimone, the eminent Italian conductor, harpsichordist and musicologist. He moves a great deal on the podium, uses expansive arm movements and lots of pantomime, and a happy smile never seems to vanish from his face. He elicited a striking response from the orchestra; in a wave of inspired music-making, everything went right — balanced sonorities, clearly articulated phrases, sparklingly precise changes of tempo, faultless pitch and synchronization. No orchestra could be ashamed of such performance.

At the keyboard, Scimone offered a poetic reading of the harpsichord concerto by Baldassare Galuppi (1706-1785). The music seemed to smile together with the artist, and quite a few in the audience might have smiled as well — out of pure delight. Clarity and technical brilliance marked Peter Lukas Graf's rendition of the flute concerto by Karl Stamitz (1745-1801). His approach was noble and tone-rich, although occasionally tainted by hissing overtones and excessive vibration. *Melody* by Gluck and *Symphonia* by Debussy were given as encores.

This programme, with its narrow framework of the late 18th to early 19th century, featured composers famous then and yet virtually forgotten since. Muzio Clementi (1752-1832), the pianist who competed against Mozart and did not lose, was an important music publisher, piano manufacturer and famous pedagogue. Clementi's second symphony, published by Alfredo Casella more than a century after his death, contains a

wealth of Romantic emotion and moments of Beethovenian strength. Interpreted as it was by Scimone and the ICO, it stands up to well-known works in the symphonic repertoire.

Carl Maria von Weber (1786-1826), a relation of Mozart, was a remarkable pianist, blessed with some of the biggest hands that ever played the instrument. He was a conductor and music critic and, in addition, engraved quite a few of his scores. He was one of the first Romantic composers, and his symphony offers beautiful melodies and ample theatrical effect.

This first meeting with Claudio Scimone proved as enlightening as it was enjoyable. May many more visits follow.

ELI KAREV

VIOLIN-ORGAN RECITAL. Elisabeth Roloff, organ; Yair Kless, violin (Church of the Redeemer, Jerusalem, April 5). Handel: *Viola Sonata in A*; Bach: *Sonata in E-flat major for Organ*; Scarlatti: *Sonata in D minor for Violin Solo*; Paganini: *Cadenza for Organ*; Vivaldi: *Chaconne for Violin and Bass*.

CHURCH concerts always present acoustic problems. The built-in echo can be shortened by a full house. This evening the echo was particularly long, some four to five seconds, and consequently blurred contrapuntal textures considerably.

The performing artist erred in judgment in presenting Bach's *Chaconne* on the altar steps under the cupola. Not only did Yair Kless' violin sound like a whole orchestra section, but polyphonic structures were painfully unclear, and the sonorities reminded us of exaggerated electronic amplification. When both artists played together with the organ on the left, the balance of sound was much more satisfying and the presentations could be enjoyed, especially as Elisabeth Roloff, who knows the acoustic dangers of the hall, used stops with care and sober judgment. The sound of the violin and the organ mixed well and the virtuosity of both musicians was demonstrated with positive results.

SONATA RECITAL — Vera Vaidman, violin, Emmanuel Kravitsky, piano (YMCA, Jerusalem, April 5). Reger: *Sonata in A minor, opus 103*; Vivaldi: *Sonata No. 1 (1653)*; Beethoven: *Sonata No. 3, Opus 30, No. 3, in G*; Brahms: *Sonata No. 3, opus 108, in D minor*.

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The programme was balanced between two less known works (Reger and Shlonsky) and two standard pieces (Beethoven and Brahms). Reger, undeservedly neglected in Israeli programmes is perhaps less timeless than others with his hankering back to the polyphony of J.S. Bach, tempered by the romanticism of Brahms and spiced with chromaticism leading from Tristan to Hindemith — which makes him interesting to some and tiresome to others.

Veteran Israeli composer Vardina Shlonsky was represented by her first sonata (1953), showing her schooling in Paris with famous teachers. In permanent search for a style of her own, she reflects outside influences in her music more than the crystallization of a specific mode of expression and texture. In the slow movement, genuine feeling and melodic invention could be enjoyed.

The two artists, husband and wife off-stage, performed in complete unison and perfect balance. Though the pianist was the obvious leader of the team, he never became too obtrusive, and so all interpretations provided excellent chamber music and beautiful music-making. Commendably, when a string broke towards the end of the Brahms sonata, the artists played the whole movement again and brought the recital to a most satisfying conclusion, gratefully acknowledged by the audience. YOHANAN BOEHM

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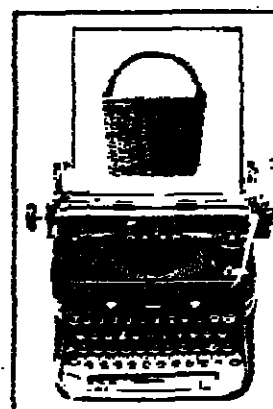
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Customers in Latin America and Africa default on payments

Israel may lose \$60m. in bad debts

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli companies stand to lose a maximum of \$60 million in Latin America and Africa. "But the actual losses will be much smaller, and eventually we hope to recover all sums owed us by foreign importers," says Amior Kamir, general manager of the Israel Foreign Risks Insurance Corporation, a government-sponsored company.

"And the losses, no matter whether large or small, could have been five times as big if we had not taken preventive steps in time," he adds.

Kamir notes that three years ago the entire situation regarding trade with South America and Africa took a new turn. Some of these countries, like Venezuela, Mexico and Nigeria, derived a considerable part of their income from petroleum.

"We saw a new trend emerging in international trade. The price of oil was stabilizing and beginning to fall; on the other hand, the oil-importing countries, such as the U.S. and many European countries, were mounting huge export drives to sell their products in order to recover part of the sums they had to lay out for oil. And the oil-producing countries, still under the illusion that their revenues would remain high, were buying and buying."

although their political and financial problems were steadily growing.

Israel could have sold five times as many goods as it was shipping. "But we began warning manufacturers that the future was not as bright as it looked," Industry Minister Gideon Pat used all his influence to temper exports, and it was finally decided to export only enough to maintain our foothold in these markets. Something akin to an export quota system was actually formulated.

Exports were divided into two categories: to Africa — mainly Nigeria — it was consumer goods and semi-capital goods, such as equipment and sprinklers; to Latin America it was mainly capital goods generally sold on long-term credit.

Some time ago, when the financial situation of the importing countries got worse, they no longer allowed funds to be taken out of the country, since they faced a severe shortage of foreign currency as oil and other revenues dropped off.

At present, importers in the various countries owe Israeli exporters the following sums: Nigeria, about \$40m.; Argentina, Mexico, Venezuela, Peru, and Brazil, each \$10m., with Ecuador owing about \$5m.

The Latin American countries went to what was called the Club of Paris, which drew up a rescheduling of their debts. Nigeria, probably for

prestige reasons, refused to join this "club" and tried to arrange consolidation loans in England. Negotiations are still continuing.

"What is apparent now," Kamir notes, "is that the financial situation of both Argentina and Mexico is improving steadily, and there is every reason to believe that they will soon be able to honour most of their debts. We hope that their improved situation will have a beneficial influence on the other Latin American countries. But the situation is worse in Venezuela."

Nigeria presents a serious problem. Even if she arranges loans leading to the rescheduling of payments, it seems apparent now that she will declare a two-and-a-half year moratorium on her debts. But then there is every likelihood that she will be able to pay within the following three-and-a-half years. "Even if we recover the entire debt, we will certainly lose interest payments, and this also is a considerable sum."

Yeshayahu Gavish, general manager of Koor Industries, said recently that Koor had filed a claim with the Foreign Trade Risks Corporation for a \$20m. debt owed it by importers in Nigeria. Gavish said that 80 per cent of the debt would be covered by the corporation.

At present, the authorities are discussing export strategies to all the countries which owe Israel money. "We must never forget that they all are very important markets, and that once they get back on their feet, their importance as customers will continue to grow."

So far, the corporation has had to pay out to Israeli exporters about \$25m. for losses incurred in former years. Of this, \$5m. was lost in Iran and the remaining \$20m. in Uganda.

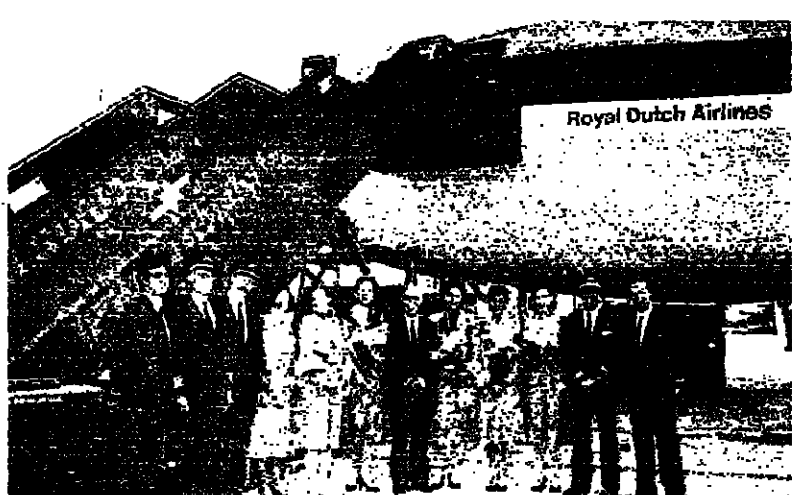
"The latter case went to arbitration, and the arbitrator ruled in Israel's favour. Therefore we have hopes of recovering most of the monies owed us by Uganda."

China to open more cities to foreign business

PEKING (Reuters). — China will open up 14 more cities to overseas investment as part of its plans to woo foreign capital and technology, it was announced last week.

The New China News Agency said the move was considered a major step forward in implementing the communist country's policy of improving ties with the outside world.

It said the coastal cities would adopt the flexible economic policies already being implemented in four southern special economic zones, which offer foreign companies business incentives to set up there.



KLM general manager Andre Oostdam (centre) poses with the crew of the Dutch national carrier's Airbus A310 after its maiden flight here recently.

KLM ticket policy neatly by-passes Arab boycott

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — KLM will stop printing the addresses of its worldwide offices on its passenger tickets to avoid the dilemma of whether to include its agency in Israel. Andre C.M. Oostdam, the airline's general manager, said yesterday.

The Dutch airline in the past did not include the Tel Aviv office in its list in deference to the Arab boycott. Oostdam told a press conference here that the line feared authorities in Arab countries would confiscate its tickets.

The omission raised protests in Israel and abroad, so tickets printed from now on will not include any addresses. He added however that it will take some time before the change is noticed, because KLM must first exhaust its stock of tickets.

The press conference was called, in part, to mark the 47th anniversary of KLM flights to Israel. These began in 1937 with an 11-seater DC-

3, which landed at Ben-Gurion Airport (then called Lod) on its way to the Far East.

Meanwhile KLM has started using the Airbus A310 on its route here. The A310 now flies here once a week and by next March will replace all four other flights to Ben-Gurion, which still use the older DC-8 plane.

Oostdam predicted a rise in traffic to Israel this summer, but a slight drop in the number of Israelis going abroad. So far the airline has been doing well on the Israel route. It flew 112,000 people between Tel Aviv and Amsterdam during the last fiscal year and 65,000 between April and October.

All in all KLM's finances have showed an improvement during the past fiscal year. From April to December 1983 the carrier had a net income of \$57 million compared with \$28m. during the same period in 1982. Seat occupancy increased from 61.6 per cent in 1982/83 to 65.2 per cent in 1983/84, the company reported.

El Al increases flights 25% for Pessah

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — El Al will this month increase the number of its flights by 25 per cent to meet the heavy demand in Israel and abroad for Pessah and Easter.

Spokesman Nahman Kleiman said El Al had originally scheduled 765 flights to 27 destinations, but because of heavy bookings it added 187 flights.

Each plane will be used for an average of two flights a day. That, however, will not be enough and the

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company has had to charter aircraft for ten flights, Kleiman said.

The planes are expected to bring some 70,000 tourists, mainly from the U.S., Britain, France and Germany. An estimated 63,000 Israelis are expected to fly El Al, mainly to Palma de Majorca, the Greek islands and London.

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Japan more than doubles trade surplus with rest of world

TOKYO (Reuters). — Japan more than doubled its trade surplus with the rest of the world in the financial year which ended last month, the Finance Ministry said yesterday.

Japanese cars, stereo equipment, video tape recorders and machine tools led a surge in exports which far outweighed imports to take the surplus to a record \$23.33 billion from the previous year's \$9.33 b.

Japan is under pressure from its main trading partners, the U.S. and Europe, to do something quickly to water down its trade success.

They say the flood of Japanese goods onto their markets is damaging home industries, with aggressive Japanese competition sending com-

panies out of business and causing unemployment.

Yet Japanese trade officials are forecasting an even higher surplus of about \$34 b. for the current financial year.

Taizo Yokoyama, councillor to the Trade Minister, said that Japan was pinning its hopes for solving the trade dispute on increasing consumer demand at home for foreign goods. Yokoyama said the main reason for last year's increased trade surplus was the improvement in the U.S. economy.

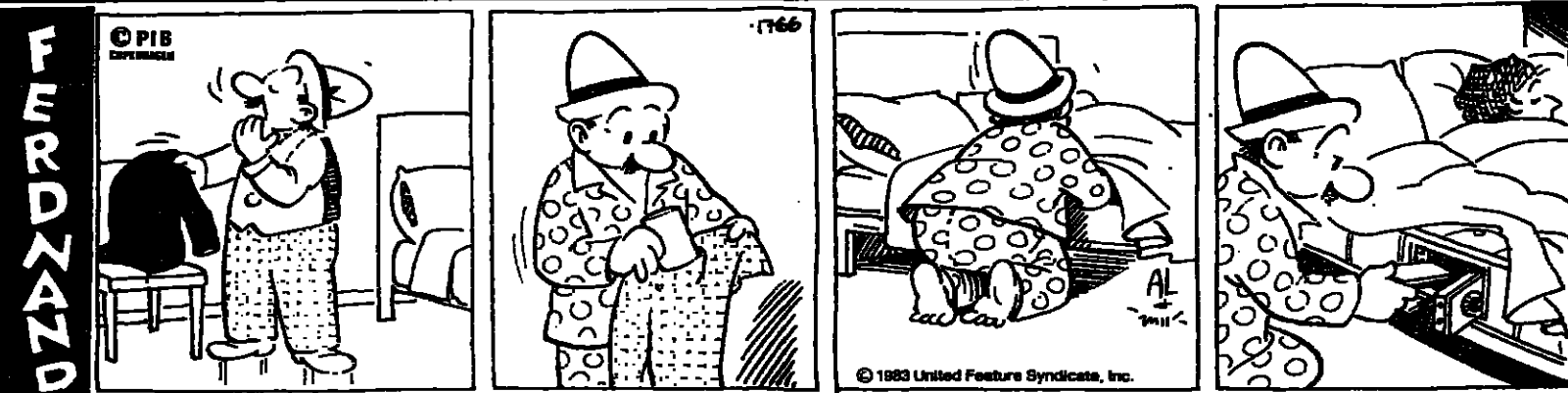
The Finance Ministry figures show exports to the U.S. rose 30 per cent, to \$46.73 b., far outweighing an 8 per cent rise in U.S. imports to \$25.69 b.

World Bank lends Egypt \$100 million for construction

CAIRO (Reuters). — The World Bank has granted Egypt a \$100 million loan for the purchase and manufacture of construction equipment and materials, it was announced here over the weekend.

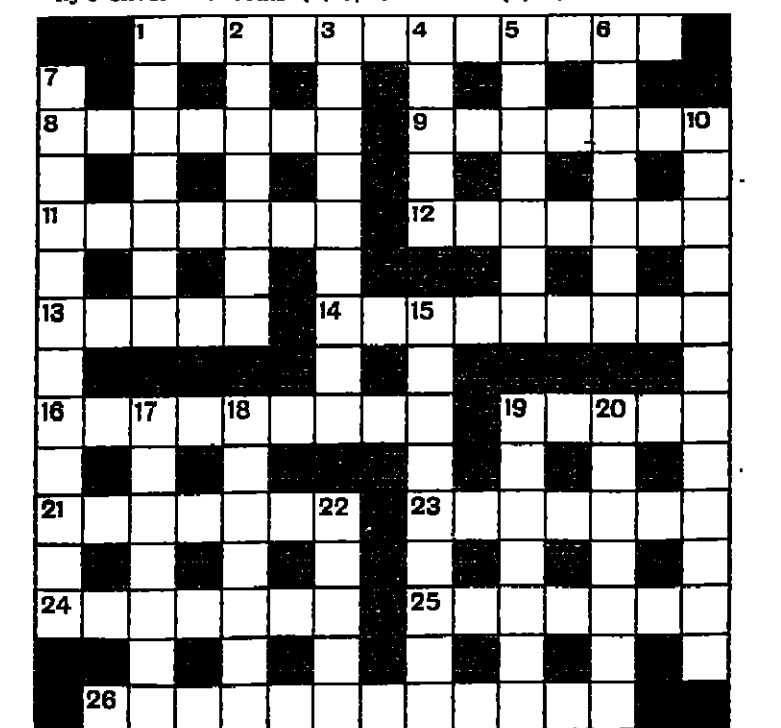
The Ministry of Investment and

International Cooperation said the 20-year loan, which carries interest of 10 per cent, would be made available to private and public sector contractors to buy new equipment, building materials and machinery parts.



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| 1 Political outsider who helps the rigger pack? (6, 6) | 1 Disturbing cat-naps could give sailors the wind up? (7) |
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| 3 Blow up distressed angler to a point? (7) | 3 Sea-tossed supply vessel from the Port of London maybe (4, 5) |
| 4 Immature and out of context remember? (7) | 4 Make dull, tragic king support a follower? (5) |
| 5 Shout again, but don't go on? (7) | 5 Joint of pork put up can be glazed with it? (7) |
| 6 After the first month we object to a two-faced doorman? (5) | 6 Sincere pledge? (7) |
| 7 Explosive device the German takes in to Nato? (9) | 7 Tribal ruler on the rocks takes the biggest of the big-wigs? (5, 7) |
| 8 Unruly pets swallow inner part of the spider? (9) | 8 Ingenious way to get in using a jemmy or crowbar? (12) |
| 9 Robin in song-hymn tune? (5) | 9 Training vessel a master may be appointed to? (9) |
| 10 Must his shape reveal a thin neck? (7) | 10 Perpetrate the central feature of a quaint rudeness? (7) |
| 11 What the unjustly punished streaker should seek to do? (7) | 11 Any number of numbers? (7) |
| 12 Queer deposition by railway officer in court? (7) | 12 Meandering road ran, up in the Pyrenees? (7) |
| 13 What whalers used to keep nagging about has nothing in it? (7) | 13 Confusing name given to single flower or polyp? (7) |
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Car allowance, telephone, overtime... Histadrut continues move to all-inclusive pensions

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Central Pension Fund for Histadrut Workers favours including all wage components, such as car and telephone allowances, in future pensions, Shalom Ten-Ami, General manager of the fund said this week. "We are gradually taking steps in this direction," he was speaking at a press conference at which Arieh Oron, chairman of the fund, revealed growth figures for the 1983 calendar year.

Oron noted that in past years the "wage components" had been extended to include such matters as overtime, the 13th month and extra pay for working a split day.

The fund — which encompasses all the Histadrut organizations, includes Bank Hapoalim, Kupat Holim, the Supermarket network, Na'amat, as well as others, such as Hahinukh, the Israel Philharmonic and Wizo. In all it has 81,000 members, plus another 17,465 who receive pensions, survivors' benefits, or invalidity allowances.

"The average pension was \$530,000 (about \$200) at the end of March," Oron said. He added that the average varied greatly, in line with the number of years worked and the salary a person received. The highest pension paid was \$150,000 (about \$1,000) a month.

Asked what arrangements had been made for the family of the late Ya'akov Levinson, Ten-Ami said that the family was receiving 75 per cent of the "average" wage at the time of his death. The widow would receive 40 per cent all her life, and the remaining 35 per cent went for the three sons. However, as soon as they reached 21, their allowances (or pension rights) would stop.

Ten-Ami also noted that "including all the wage components" raised considerable problems in regard to people already out on pension. When the new system would be adopted, wage-earners would continue to pay five per cent of their salaries monthly, but on the entire sum they received, not only on the "real" salary. Employers would pay 16 per cent of the entire salary, and not only of the "real" salary, as at present.

"But if we want to compensate those who are already on pension so that they too receive the full sum, total monthly deductions will have to be raised to 20 or 22 per cent" (compared to 16 per cent today).

Oron noted that the balance sheet of the fund stood at \$567 billion at the end of 1983, a 7.4 per cent real increase over the previous year.

During 1983 total income had been \$547b. Of this sum, 67 per cent went for pensions and other benefits; 6.4 per cent was given to those who transferred to another fund, and 20.8 was set aside as a reserve.

Administrative expenses accounted for 5.4 per cent, which was a considerable increase over the 4 per cent in 1982.

Of the sums distributed to pensioners and others, 68.5 per cent went to retirees; 11.9 per cent to the widows of pensioners; 14.2 per cent to other survivors; 3.7 per cent to the totally disabled, and 1.7 per cent to partially disabled people.

It was pointed out that included in the assets was about \$12m. in commercial bank shares. These were listed at their October 6, 1983 dollar value, and not at their market value on December 31, 1983, which was about 40 per cent below their October 6 value.

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17.00 Summertime
17.55 The Princess and the Hedgehog

ARABIC LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES:
18.30 News roundup
18.35 In the Land of Dots

18.45 Inventions and Innovations
19.00 Between Citizen and State

19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with news roundup

20.05 The Bat that Cracked the Frog Code — nature film
20.30 Movie Time — cinema magazine

21.00 Mabat Newsweek
21.30 Moked

22.05 Little Marmoset, Alan Arkin's 1971 black comedy stars Elliott Gould, Marcia Rodd and Donald Sutherland

23.00 News
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7.30 Mozart: Divertimento, K.205; Sibelius: Violin Concerto (Yvael Yaron, IPO, Azrael); Copland: Billy the Kid, ballet music (London Symphony, Copland)

9.30 Chopin: Piano Concerto No.2 (Garrick Olson); Beethoven: String Quartet, Op.130 (New Zurich); Schubert: Piano Quintet, Trout (Brendel, Cleveland)

Brahms: Symphony No.3 (Philharmonia, Giulini)
12.00 Rina Braverman, piano — works by Lutoslawski, Fortner, Ram, Dariusz, Menahem Aviram, Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich and Debussy with Richard Lesser, clarinet

13.05 Prokofiev: Cinderella, ballet (Cleveland, Ashkenazy)
15.00 Music of the Cypriotes (part 2)

15.30 Youth Programme
16.30 From the 1983 Festival Montreux: Vase — Pamela Sola from Quers of the Fairies Leclair; Oboe Concerto; Detweiler: Concerto for Alphons; Albinoni: Oboe Concerto; Mendelssohn: String Symphony No.10

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Police makes news

THE POLICE have apparently again cracked a case involving Jewish terrorism. This time it involves the gang that came to be called TNT and made its target Christian and Moslem religious sites.

Whether the group of young men held by the police are in fact guilty of these crimes will, of course, only be determined in court. Therefore, while the public has cause to be satisfied with the latest police accomplishment, there must also be discomfort at the police's new routine of pillorying the accused, before a trial, by convening a press conference. This desire to demonstrate achievement and win public applause does injustice to the accused. It is also a show of police weakness rather than strength. A more confident force would not resort to such dubious showmanship.

The exercise in publicity rather ironically coincides with the total war being waged by the Inspector General against what he considers the mortal danger of leaks to the press.

As with the army, the uses of publicity for the police force is a complex matter, requiring, in the end, much wisdom. The need for operational secrecy must be weighed, in each instance, against not only the public's right to know, but also the benefits to the police's own purposes that ultimately derive from sharing information with the public. At the same time the police must be sensitive to the rights of those it suspects or holds as violators of the law.

During the last few weeks the public has witnessed a puzzling procession of police displays. Important achievements have been given great fanfare, with little regard for due process.

And they have been quickly followed by dismaying scenes of internecine warfare and discontent.

It would be preferable for the police force to lower its profile on both counts: to praise and fight itself less.

Assad's new ally

LEBANON'S rival factions agreed this week on a military disengagement plan after over a month of intensive negotiations accompanied by almost incessant fighting in and around Beirut.

Spokesmen for the factions have been careful, however, not to raise expectations. They know that most Lebanese have every reason to be sceptical about truces, cease-fires and the various other fragile arrangements that were meant to stop the fighting over the past few years.

But they have, at the same time, stressed that disengagement is an essential precondition for any meaningful end to hostilities in Lebanon, and as such, is a development of some significance.

The plan emerged a month after the conclusion of the "Reconciliation Conference" in Switzerland at the beginning of March.

If implemented — and this is by no means something that can be taken for granted — it will represent the first tangible success on the ground for the Syrians. They have been playing a key role behind the scenes to ensure that Lebanon does not degenerate into outright chaos. That would nullify the political coup they achieved in getting President Amin Jemayel to cancel the May 17 agreement with Israel.

The plan has also paved the way for him to visit Damascus later this week for a second meeting with Syria's Hafez Assad in less than six weeks.

Jemayel's last visit to Damascus was a barely disguised mission of surrender to Syria.

Now he will be going to Damascus as a Syrian protégé, and probably Assad's most useful ally in the Lebanese political tussle. For Damascus wants to work through Jemayel in its bid to achieve a modus vivendi in Lebanon, even if that means turning the screws on its erstwhile allies — especially Druse leader Walid Jumblatt.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS TWO PRE-SCHOOL children in South Africa were held in detention for three years while they awaited a government decision determining their race, a South African government report says.

A commission studying South Africa's courts system cited the case as an example of "bureaucratic bungling," and called for creation of a family court handling cases of all races among other proposed reforms.

The two children, who were not identified, were held from June 12, 1978, to June 8, 1981, before they were declared "white" and the case disposed of, the Hoxter Commission report said. It provided no further details.

Under South African law, the Department of Internal Affairs classifies all infants by race after birth. Race classification is usually automatic, based on the race of the parents. But in rare cases, such as those of abandoned infants, classification can take several years, after the physical features of the children develop.

PS "TAXI! TAXI!" Even if you're willing to pay the price, finding a cab in Jerusalem at rush hour can be an exercise in futility. Especially frustrating is the taxi driver who ignores your frantic waving.

But there is a solution. Late for work one morning, I jumped into a Mercedes that had stopped for a red light and ordered the driver to take me to The Jerusalem Post. He quietly obeyed, but about half a kilometre before my destination, he pulled into a driveway, saying, "Sorry, this is as far as I go."

Fulminating, I launched into a ferocious tirade at his insolence, but was cut short by my driver who said, very politely, "What do you think I am, a taxi?"

And sure enough, no meter, no roof-light, I apologized, thanked him for the ride, and hurried off. S.O.

PS CALIFORNIAN scientists specializing in pest control are killing cockroaches by making them have heart attacks.

Alternatively, they can get rid of the insects by slowing down their hearts until they stop.

In both cases, a hormone substance does the job, far removed from the chemical sprays people now use against insect pests.

Cockroaches are the focus of attack because they bear disease and do billions of dollars' damage to food, clothing and even computer circuits. They are known as hardy survivors.

Alex Cross, head of the Zeecon Corporation in Palo Alto, says that "it is our belief that within our century there is a reasonable chance that entirely new methods of insect control will come about in which insects will, in effect, self-destruct."

Zeecon — named Zee from the Greek for life and con for control — already has a number of products on the market which deal with insect pests not by poisoning them but by using artificially made hormones that upset their life cycle.

One such product prevents fleas from reaching adulthood and thus stops them reproducing. Cross says the substances, known as IGRS (insect growth regulators), are much less toxic to non-insects than conventional pesticides.

PS FOR SOME time now, our advertising department has been pointing out to Post readers that in our classified ads, even a word as long as floccinaucinihilipilification counts as one word. Well, we were interested to note that someone advertising for a flat for rent in Tel Aviv in our classifieds recently described the apartment as supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. And the advertiser tossed in the fact that the flat comes with floccinaucinihilipilification as well.

THE PARTIES are preparing policy programmes for the coming elections. Here is one such programme, not yet adopted by any party.

Our Platform

We appeal for your support on the basis of the following programme, which you can look upon as a firm commitment. If we attain power and fail to fulfil its provisions, we must either resign, or you can sue us in court for breach of contract.

This legal liability does not apply to Part A.

Part A: Vague Aspirations

We have no idea how to achieve these aspirations, but other parties list them. We must do the same so you won't think we are against them.

(1) We shall foster a major increase in Jewish immigration.

(2) We shall reduce emigration to a trickle.

(3) We shall do away with traffic accidents.

(4) We shall eliminate the ethnic gap.

(5) We shall eliminate the gap between rich and poor.

(6) We shall eliminate the gap between big cities and development townships.

(7) We shall eliminate the gap separating the religious from the non-religious.

There is no possibility of carrying out these aims, but announcing them has become a ritual. And now to business:

THE NATIONAL Religious Party is undergoing a process of heart-searching and upheaval. In the last elections its representation in the Knesset was halved, and the signs are that the forthcoming elections will further reduce that number. Moreover, powerful forces are at work to oust present Knesset members as party leaders in favour of right-wing maximalists, who, it is hoped, will lead the party back to success and respectability.

Such thinking seems to be the result of a completely erroneous reading of the situation.

When did the decline in the NRP's fortunes begin? From the founding of the state till the Likud's rise to power in 1977, the NRP had been in practically uninterrupted partnership with the Labour Party, in what had come to be known as a "historic alignment."

Throughout that period the NRP had roughly 10 to 12 members in the Knesset and had a reputation in the country for moderation, with men like the late

Basis for a platform

By DAVID KRIVINE

Part B: Religious Policy

(8) We shall restore the religious status quo that was observed with the cooperation of the National Religious Party up till 1977 (when the Likud came to power).

(9) We shall abolish all infractions of the status quo that have taken place since then (ban on El Al's Sabbath flights, new restrictions on abortions, autopsies, archaeological digs, special allocations to Agudat Israel for their institutions).

Part C: Coalition Policy

(10) Assuming we do not win an absolute majority and are requested to form a coalition with the religious parties, we shall do so if they accept the provisions of Part B above.

(11) If they do not we shall invite the largest opposition party to form a coalition with us for one day, during which we shall pass an electoral reform bill.

This measure will increase the representation of the party with the largest support and decrease the representation of parties with small support.

If the bill is passed, we shall dissolve the Knesset and call new elections within 30 days.

(12) If it is not passed, we shall in-

form the president that we are unable to form a government.

Part D: Foreign Policy

(13) We shall announce a unilateral withdrawal from the administered areas, falling back on the Green Line plus the territories delineated in the Allon plan.

The new borders will be declared the official frontiers of Israel. Who takes over in Nabulus, Hebron, Gaza and other vacated zones will not be our business.

Part E: Economic Policy

(14) We shall balance the budget, in the knowledge that this means civilian as well as military cutbacks.

(15) We shall devalue the currency by a quarter, in order to make exports cheaper and imports dearer.

(16) We shall maintain the current 15 per cent wage reduction.

(17) Unemployment will result, but alternative jobs should spring up. If the situation doesn't balance out, see our next party programme four years from now.

Part F: Social Services

(18) All social services will be made to pay for themselves.

(19) Health insurance is contributory already, being supported

by members' dues to Kupat Holim and other funds. These funds may charge for treatment, to compensate for the elimination of Treasury subsidies.

(20) Similarly the public will be required to join a national educational insurance scheme. The school system must operate within the revenue it receives, plus fees (e.g., for extra tuition) if necessary. The Treasury will no longer be a source for deficit-bridging finance.

Part G: Taxation and Pensions

(21) All income will be taxed, including pensions (if the pensioner's income is large enough to be taxable).

(22) All pension schemes will be contributory, including the one for civil servants. They will all be transferable, so that each person's pension continues to accumulate when he changes jobs.

(23) Knesset members will have the same pension rights as everybody else, not a shekel more.

Part H: Infrastructure

(24) We shall spend more public funds on projects that make money or save money or at least create resources, like the telephone system, the postal service, the road

system, car-parking facilities, public libraries.

(25) An Infrastructure Financing Department will be created, to finance these developments. The construction work will be farmed out to sub-contractors. The government and municipalities will not carry out any public works on their own.

(26) The government will stop building flats. Immigrants and other privileged categories will buy their homes in the open market. Government aid will be confined to the provision of mortgage loans.

(27) The Infrastructure Financing Department will receive a fixed government grant for road building. Otherwise it must be self-sufficient.

(28) The railway system must pay for itself. In order to do that we shall make it an independent company, able to fix its train schedules, fares and freight-charges without government interference.

Part I: Other Activities

(29) The present six-day week will be replaced by a five-day week (based on a nine-hour working day).

(30) Israel TV will add a second station. One will be lowbrow, the other highbrow.

(31) Government officials will not be permitted to eat or drink while receiving the public.

ANY PARTY adopting the above platform deserves to win the elections.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

been a complete failure — witness the present state of the party. The sooner the NRP ends its disastrous association with the Likud, the better.

It must also show itself to be a party of moderation, true to the ideals of Eretz Israel and ready for negotiations if the chance for peace should ever emerge.

The National Religious Party has been blessed with great leaders in the past. No doubt, the hour will produce the man, and someone will be found who will lead the party back to its former greatness. There has always been room in the NRP for different shades of nationalism, and no doubt there will be in future.

For the party to reject its present leadership in favour of right-wing extremists would be a continuation of its present suicidal path. For the sake of the whole people of Israel, and not only for the NRP, it is fervently to be hoped that the party will turn back before it is too late.

NRP IN TRAVAIL

By ERIC GUTWILLIG

Moshe Haim Shapiro, Michael Hazani and Zerah Warhaftig setting an example of moderation and erudition. After the 1977 upheaval, the NRP threw its lot in with the Likud. What was the result? Its Knesset representation was halved, and it was tarnished with at least partial blame for the shortcomings of the government. What are the conclusions to be drawn, and is the NRP drawing them?

The people want the NRP to be a force for moderation. For those wanting extremists, there are others who can provide it much better. For territorial maximalists, there is Tehiya, and for religious right-wingers, Agudat Yisrael. Moreover,

those who put the interests of the Sephardi population at the top of their priorities, will vote for Tami, regardless of where the NRP stands.

THE SUCCESS or otherwise of the Lebanon war may be a subject for argument. But what is clear beyond the shadow of a doubt is the utter and complete failure of the Likud on the domestic front, with one minister after the other performing abysmally. And hand in hand with domestic failure goes the lack of success on the aliyah front. After all, 300 per cent inflation is hardly an inducement to a potential immigrant.

The Israeli public, whether

religious or not, has generally speaking an innate respect for those who uphold true tradition. The knitted skull-cap youth who bear themselves with dignity, for whom drug-taking, petty crime and hoodlomanism are monstrosities, and who are in the forefront of the nation's battles when wars have to be fought, are a source of envy and admiration to the whole nation. The NRP must restore its image as a party of moderate men, devoted to the Book and in the forefront of the battle to make us a moral people and a light unto the nations.

A new leadership must emerge. Dr. Yosef Burg is a witty and clever old man, but as a party leader he has

READERS' LETTERS

RELIGIOUS STATUS QUO

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The ordinance, recently passed by the municipal council of Petah Tikva to change the status quo and to permit the open and public violation of the sabbath comes as a shock to the hundreds of rabbis, academics, scholars and teachers of the Rabbinical Council of America in Israel who have made aliya from the United States and Canada during the past years. We protest the brazen attempt to desecrate the Sabbath in public. We call upon the municipal councillors who chose to defy the long-established tradition of their city to extinguish the conflagration which they themselves have set, and to evoke their "evil decree."

In the two millennia of exile, Jews were persecuted in various countries for keeping the seventh day as a sacred day; they persisted nevertheless, at great sacrifice, in observing it. So much so that it was widely recognized that more than the Jews kept the Sabbath — the Sabbath kept the Jews alive.

Hence, it was only natural that, when the State of Israel was proclaimed, the Sabbath should be recognized even by non-observant leaders such as David Ben-Gurion, the first prime minister, as the official day of rest for all Jews living in

Israel. Now, 36 years later, we are witness to a slow deterioration of this blessed tradition. Regrettably there have been instances of Sabbath desecration by individuals in the past. But not until the unfortunate Petah Tikva municipal council action has a representative body dared to pass an ordinance which would specifically sanction open and flagrant violation of the Sabbath.

The Israel members of the Rabbinical Council of America consider such an act to be in violation of Judaism's most sacred teachings and an offensive act which can only be detrimental to Israel's best interests. Surely we did not return to Israel, nor do we call upon fellow Jews in the lands we left to come to Israel, in order to create a state which would be "like all other states," and not a Jewish state where the peace and tranquility of the Sabbath reigns.

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UNITY OF ZIONIST PEACE MOVEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The 1984 election campaign is upon us, and the Zionist peace camp is threatened with greater fragmentation than ever. Lova Eliav is going it alone; Uri Avneri and Matti Peled have "united" "Alternativa"; Ran Cohen is heading what is left of Sheli; Shuamit Aloni will be queen of her private list; Meir Pa'il is disgusted with everybody, and even Peace Now is considering whether to join in the scramble to the Knesset.

All these groups have a great deal in common, with only minutes' differences on tactics. Separately, they may be great demonstrators, and perhaps contribute to improve our tarnished national image. Individually, they are nice people, liberal humanists, and represent the sane and positive Israel. Their combined effect is, however, negligible, and they lack any influence on our collective destiny.

I have no confidence in either of the two large party blocks. From past experience, I know that, as far as a peace policy is concerned, there is not much to choose between them.

Seventeen years after the Six Day War, many of us still believe that there is a chance to break the deadlock and to achieve peace and friendly coexistence with our Arab neighbours. We believe that sooner or later there must and will be such a settlement, but that it is in our

national interest that it will come about as the result of a bold Israeli initiative, rather than be imposed by outside forces.

It is evident that a united Zionist peace movement, with firm Knesset representation, could contribute to a change in direction. There are indications that a united list of the above-mentioned persons would obtain considerable electoral support, especially at this time, and would attract other prominent people.

If the leaders of the proposed list are unable to overcome their petty differences and personal antagonisms, then we, the potential victims of their impotence, must make it absolutely clear to them that we shall refuse to vote for them as individuals or as midget parties.

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KIBBUTZ VOLUNTEERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Like David E. Edwards (Letters, March 28), I also have spent time on a kibbutz: six weeks last summer and seven weeks this spring. As a volunteer, I knew what to expect — six hours of work wherever I was needed for six days a week. In exchange, I received a place to sleep, food to eat and a small monthly allowance. In addition, I made lasting friends among the other volunteers and received a warm welcome from the kibbutzniks which made it feel like a second home. While on the kibbutz I worked in a variety of jobs and while I did not especially enjoy all of them, I have no complaint. I was not led to expect more than I received. If I had wanted to earn money, I would have stayed in my teaching job in Canada. As a volunteer, my stay was only temporary, but it was so enjoyable that when I returned for the second time, I went to the same kibbutz. Volunteers on other kibbutzim may feel like cheap labour. I felt like part of a family.

DONITA ISAAC

Haifa.

TERRORIST ATTACK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — After the latest attack by terrorists in the centre of Jerusalem, one wonders whether we invited this attack on ourselves.

In the past, we have freed terrorists who had murdered and maimed. The terrorists know that, with a bit of luck, they will survive

Sir, — With reference to Mr. Edwards' comments about industry on kibbutzim, I would like to point out that industry is replacing part of the agriculture, because agricultural branches are overproducing in Israel. Automatic machinery is bought with loans and, by the time they are paid up with interest, the machines are ready for the scrap heap. Their presence on a kibbutz is no sign of affluence.

Maayan Baruch.
S. KROLL
Sir, — Your correspondent, David E. Edwards, made some good points about "volunteers" in Israel. The kibbutz-moshav idea is basically a very good one. Unfortunately, many members seem to take great pleasure in abusing the idea and, more to the point, the volunteers. The most unfortunate thing from our point of view is that, if we do have any complaints or grouses, there is nowhere we can go to make our voices heard. If we go to the offices in Tel Aviv, we are laughed at and put on the blacklist as troublemakers.

BARBARA NEDERVEEN
DAVID ALLCOCK

Moshav Mechora.

NON-JEWISH VOLUNTEERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to your report of March 29, "Kotlowitz opposes non-Jewish volunteers." Before I came on aliya and before I lived on a kibbutz, I might have agreed with him in principle, except that I was invited to speak abroad to non-Jewish groups about Israel were those whose children or relatives had spent time in Israel as volunteers. Treated well and feeling needed, these young men and women are our best ambassadors in the outside hostile world.

However, there should be no reason why Jewish youngsters should not be encouraged to spend a year of service in Israel. Where I found from experience that Kotlowitz's theory really falls down is in the fact that the majority of our Jewish youth come here to "get Israel out of their system" and return to their studies and careers. They are not the future olim. We need to bring the youngsters here, train them here, find them jobs here. The volunteer system and future aliya cannot be confused.

EVELYN CHENKIN
Kibbutz Mishmar David.

Sir, — I am a Catholic volunteer on a kibbutz. I have been a volunteer on two kibbutzim and on both, the average of Jewish volunteers was approximately 3 per cent of the total. If Mr. Kotlowitz's proposal to have non-Jews cut from the programme is carried out, how many volunteers does he think will be left on kibbutzim?

Kibbutz Na'an. D. VITTI



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